



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

· Bob Guessferd, Chairman , Ted Trost, Vice-Chairman



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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes December 9, 2019 DRAFT

A. Call to Order

Chairman Guessferd called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Buxton Conference Room located in the Hudson, NH Town Hall.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

M. Fedele led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present:

Bob Guessferd, Ted Trost, Joe Fernald, Michael Fedele, Alejandro Urrutia, Hasan Goode, Shawn Murray, Rich Weissgarber, Board of Selectmen Representative Norm Martin, School Board Liaison Diana LaMothe (quorum of 10 is present)

Members Absent:

Jim Weaver (excused)

Staff/Others: Finance Director Kathy Carpentier, Public Works Director Jess Forrence, Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, Administrator Steve Malizia, II Director Lisa Nute, IT Specialist John Beike

D. Public Input

None

E. Meeting Minutes

Deferred until December 12 meeting

F. Reports from Committees

School Board: None

Board of Selectmen: None

G. Old Business

- K. Carpentier discussed the Town Poor budget. We have expended approximately \$25k of the \$85k allocated (at the current run rate, we expect to use about \$60k of the funds).
- Provided a three-year history of the Town Unassigned Fund Balance – Committee to discuss at December 12 meeting

H. New Business

- Budget presentations by the following groups (including K. Carpentier):
 - Public Works (5515, 5551-5556 – presented by J. Forrence), Warrant Articles E and M (amended version presented to Committee); Proposal presented for Transfer Station upgrades with associated motion – see Motions for information)



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- o Solid Waste (5970 - presented by J. Forrence)
- o Sewer Fund (5561, 5562, 5564 – presented by S. Malizia and E. Dhima), Warrant Article B
- o Water Fund (5591-5594 - presented by S. Malizia and E. Dhima) Warrant Article C
- o Planning and Planning Board (5571-5572 – presented by S. Malizia)
- o Zoning and ZBA (5581, 5583 – presented by S. Malizia)
- o Engineering (5585, presented by S. Malizia), Warrant Article K
- o Conservation Commission (5586, presented by S. Malizia and E. Dhima)
- o IT (5330, accounts starting with 5 and ending with 77 [example, 5X77] – presented by L. Nute and J. Beike

Motions:

- N. Martin/T. Trost – Request the Budget Committee add \$400,000 for engineering services related to the Transfer Station upgrades into account 5515-224 – Public Works Facility, Building Maintenance. The committee decided to defer the vote until after the Public Works budget presentation. The motion passed unanimously.
- Article E (N. Martin, R. Weissgarber), motion to approve, passed 7-0-3 (T. Trost, H. Goode, S. Murray abstained)
- Article M (as updated, \$111,111 coming from the General Fund and \$37,037 coming from the Sewer Fund) approve with amendments – Defer until December 12 meeting
- Article B (N. Martin, A. Urrutia) to approve. Motion passes 6-0-4 (D. LaMothe, H. Goode, S. Murray, T. Trost abstained)
- Article C (N. Martin, M. Fedele) to approve. Motion passes 8-0-2 (S. Murray, T. Trost abstained)
- Article K (M. Fedele, H. Goode) to approve. Motion passes 8-0-2 (S. Murray, T. Trost abstained)

Committee went into recess at 8:25 P.M.
Committee returned from recess at 8:31 P.M.

I. Member Comments

- T. Trost – Adding positions through warrant article is a historical tradition, not required by any RSA

J. Next Meeting

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Motion by N. Martin (T. Trost) to move the items from the December 19 meeting to the December 17 meeting and meet December 19, if needed. Motion passes 9-0-1 (D. LaMothe abstained)

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K. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (N. Martin/T. Trost). Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

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Prepared by: Joe Fernald, Clerk Alternate